

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1031

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Crieve Hall School's principal, student body, parents, alumni, faculty, and staff on the occasion of the school's 50th anniversary.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should recognize those exemplary educational institutions that have made significant contributions, through an abiding commitment to excellence, to their respective communities and to this State; and

WHEREAS, Crieve Hall School is most assuredly one such noteworthy institution; over the past fifty years, Crieve Hall School has produced outstanding individuals who have excelled in all walks of life and has remained a pillar of educational excellence since August 1955; and

WHEREAS, Crieve Hall's seventeen-acre campus rests on what was formerly known as the Travelers' Rest Estate, owned by John Overton, former Judge of the Tennessee Supreme Court and author of the Overton Reports; and

WHEREAS, Travelers' Rest Estate was sold to Herbert Farrell, a multi-millionaire steel manufacturer, by John Overton's descendent, Jesse M. Overton; and

WHEREAS, the Farrell family re-named the estate Crieve Hall after the ancestral Farrell home in Northern Ireland; and

WHEREAS, first opening its doors in August of 1955, Crieve Hall School had 496 students enrolled in grades one through eight and 16 teachers; and

WHEREAS, guided by its first principal, Richard F. Hill, Crieve Hall School quickly grew to 800 students and 28 teachers in four years; and

WHEREAS, today, Crieve Hall's facilities include one main building with approximately 34,000 square feet, nineteen classrooms, one cafeteria, an office area, a teachers' lounge, a teachers' workroom, and one library; and

WHEREAS, of the 327 students currently enrolled at Crieve Hall School, fifty-four percent are male, forty-six percent are female, fifty-nine percent are white, twenty-nine percent are black, seven percent are Hispanic, and five percent are Asian; and

WHEREAS, Crieve Hall's student attendance rate was 96.1 percent during the 2004-2005 school year, and the out-of-school suspension rate was only 2.7 percent; and

WHEREAS, seventy-nine percent of all faculty members at Crieve Hall School hold advanced degrees beyond a bachelor's degree, a testament to the exceptional quality of Crieve Hall teachers; and

WHEREAS, fortunate to have an active and committed Parent Teacher Association (PTA), Crieve Hall School boasts a high level of community and parental involvement; during the current school year, eighty-eight percent of Crieve Hall parents have met in a conference with their child's teacher. The Parent Teacher Association met its projected budget of \$27,000 for school renovations and student programs and activities; and

WHEREAS, evincing a strong commitment to community service, Crieve Hall School students learn daily about their duty and moral obligation to help those less fortunate than themselves; and

WHEREAS, Crieve Hall School has provided and continues to provide a quality education to some of our finest and most capable young people; those who have gone on to become leaders in their communities and those who have achieved success in many diverse areas of life serve as testament to its educational excellence; and

WHEREAS, through the steadfast support of the community and faithful parental involvement, Crieve Hall School continues to be a bastion of excellence in academics and in life, molding young minds into the scholars and leaders of tomorrow; and

WHEREAS, the members of this body find it appropriate to recognize and celebrate the 50th anniversary of Crieve Hall School; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Crieve Hall School's principal, student body,

parents, alumni, faculty, and staff on the occasion of the school's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary and wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.